

Nesmith Library Board of Trustees

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 9, 2025

Nesmith Library, 7:00 pm



Present:

Trustees: Theresa Abbamondi (Assistant Chair), Jennifer Cutler (Treasurer), Beth Talbott (Chair), Catherine Girata (Corresponding Secretary), DJ Withee (Member at Large), Stephanie Lohret (Assistant Treasurer), Robin Bostic (Recording Secretary)

Director: Sylvie Brikiatis

Public: None present

Absent: Jennifer Cutler (Treasurer) was absent

Call to Order: at 7:12 pm.

Mission statement: Read by Beth Talbott

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Motion was made by T. Abbamondi to approved the minutes of the Public Session of March 18 and 27, 2025. Seconded by S. Lohret. Passed 4-0. Passed 6-0

Acceptance of New Gifts:

- \$915 received Windham Endowment Underhill-Levin-Gross Library Fund.
- \$50 was received in memory of Ann Louis LeColst.

Motion was made to accept gifts by Cathy Giarata and seconded by DJ Withee. Gifts were approved 6-0.

Review of Correspondence: No correspondence has been received.

Reports:

F.L.O.W. Report

- There is a society of Friends of New Hampshire Public Libraries which FLOW plans to meet on May 21, 2025.
- A Flow reception will happen at the Shrek play. May 4, 2025. May 3, 2025 spring flower kids at the Library.

- 27 applications for academic grants have been received.

Director's Report

Overview

Circulation. In March 2025, 17683 items were loaned. Trend: 2023: 17200, 2024: 16537
People Counter. Visits during March 2025: 5410, 2022 – 4122, 2023 – 4792, 2024 - 5298

Building and property maintenance. Conversation w/ Dennis about Alarms, Require boiler work for Primex certification

Technology

- New website launched 3/1/25
- Recycled old PC tower
- Updated DNS to allow for faster ASPEN loading
- 2 PCs and 1 lap top ordered

Personnel

Staff meeting- began patron confidentiality training

Communication

- Kept staff updated on legislative changes
- Drafted and posted statement about impact of dissolution of IMLS
- Working with Town Finance Director to solve credit card problem
- Weekly Director's call with the State Library concerning legislation, funding, etc.
- Responded to Patron concerns about library funding on state and federal level

Other

Attended monthly GMILCS board meetings

Treasurer's Report:

The library remains in compliance with RSA 32:7.

Legislative Update

HB 666 and 373 Bills could impact the Library. HB 666 makes it a penalty to disclose if someone has a library card. It is a \$1000 penalty with apology. HB 273 makes minor children's library records accessible to parents.

New Business:

- Registrations for the NHLTA Conference have been completed.
- Strawberry Festival Trustee sign up has been completed
- Nesmith Library Named Funds Investment Policy has been updated.

Strategic Plan: The Strategic Plan was presented. The mission statement was reviewed and agreed to add the word “any reader’s ability. The introduction text will also be deleted. Modifications will also be made to the fundraising portion.

Public Comment:

Members of the public may be recognized for comments during this time. The chair reserves the right to limit comments, pending timing and public attendance.

Non-public session:

There may be a non-public session per RSA 91-A:3

Announcements:

The next meeting will be held May 13, 2025 at 7:00 pm.

A motion to adjourn was made by Stephanie Lohret and seconded by Cathy Girata. Vote 6-0 passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Robin Bostic

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